



The Gift and Weight of Genomic Knowledge: *In Search of the Good Biocitizen*

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“This knowledge is irrevocable.” So reads an opening line in the terms-of-service agreement for *23andMe*, a leading direct-to-consumer genetic testing company. This remarkable phrase attests to an increasing recognition of the role genomic knowledge plays in shaping human life. On the one hand, genomic knowledge is a gift, creating novel insights into the genetic drivers of disease and into the geographical paths of our ancestors. On the other, it is a weight, creating new obligations, new forms of social classification, and new forms of surveillance. Thus, we are faced with a fundamental question: how can we live well in the face of knowledge that can change the criteria, conditions, and lived experience of life? What does it mean to be a good biocitizen?

SPEAKERS

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